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1. UPON HIS RETURN MAY 23 FROM ARAB FOREIGN AND

DEFENSE MINISTERS' MEETING IN CAIRO, FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA GAVE LENGTHY AIRPORT STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED LIFTING OF ARAB OIL EMBARGO AGAINST NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK. AFTER PRAISING "CONSTRUCTIVE" POSITION OF NETHERLANDS AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, BOUTEFLIKA SAID IT AND DENMARK SHOULD BE GIVEN SAME TREATMENT AS US. NEVERTHELESS, HE WARNED, "AT ANY MOMENT IF EVOLUTION OF SITUATION REQUIRES WE COULD GO BACK TO OUR PREVIOUS POSITION OR EVEN A MORE RADICAL ONE."

2. TURNING TO EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, BOUTEFLIKA SAID ALGERIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT HAD BEEN DESIGNATED TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY NEGOTIATIONS. SPEAKING OF ALGERIA'S PIVOTAL POSITION IN SUCH DIALOGUE, HE RECALLED THAT AT TIME FRANCE SIGNED TREATY OF ROME, ALGERIA HAD BEEN PART OF FRANCE AND HENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED WITHIN COMMUNITY. ALGERIA'S CURRENT TRADE WITH EUROPE, HE ADDED, REPRESENTED TWICE THAT OF MOROCCO AND TUNISIA COMBINED AND TWO THIRDS THAT OF ALL EIGHTEEN YAOUNDE COUNTRIES. HE ALSO REITERATED PREVIOUSLY STATED ALGERIAN THEME THAT EUROPE, ARAB WORLD AND AFRICA HAVE COMPLEMENTARY ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS WHICH SHOULD NATURALLY BRING THEM INTO CLOSER ASSOCIATION.

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